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In re Application of

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For: GROUP III NITRIDE COMPOUND SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 13, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 4 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claims 3 and 6 as follows:

3. (Twice Amended) A group III nitride compound semiconductor device of a successively laminated structure comprising:

a substrate;

a buffer layer;

a first layer formed of $\text{Al}_a\text{Ga}_b\text{In}_{1-a-b}\text{N}$ ($0 < a < 1$, $0 < b < 1$, $a+b < 1$); and

a second layer formed of $\text{In}_y\text{Ga}_{1-y}\text{N}$ ($0 < y < 1$),

wherein said buffer layer is disposed between and in direct contact with both said substrate and said first layer, and said first layer is disposed between and in direct contact with both said buffer layer and said second layer, and

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